

What is claimed is:

1                    1(currently amended).      An installation device for plumbing elements,  
2                    comprising:  
3                    a flush-mounting box that has an open front having an edge, the flush-  
4                    mounting box having side walls extending from the edge to a base, wherein  
5                    protruding eyes extend **radially outwardly on an outer surface of** ~~from~~ the  
6                    side walls adjacent to the base for affixing the flush-mounting box at the base,  
7                    the mounting box **further comprising** ~~having~~ fittings for installing plumbing  
8                    elements within the flush-mounting box, said fittings including apertures in the  
9                    side walls,  
10                    a flange on an outside of the box, and  
11                    plural means on the box for fastening the flange to the box at a  
12                    selectably variable distance back from the edge.

1                    2 (previously presented).      An installation device according to claim 1,  
2                    wherein the flange comprises a solid ring.

1                    3(previously presented).      An installation device according to claim 1,  
2                    comprising a plurality of structures spaced back from edge at the open front  
3                    and on outer surfaces of the side walls, wherein the flange is set to said  
4                    distance by fastening to a selected one of the structures.

1                    4(original).      An installation device according to claim 1, wherein the  
2                    flange is fastened directly to the flush-mounting box.

5(Canceled).

6(Canceled).

1           7(previously presented). An installation device according to claim 3,  
2 wherein the outer surfaces of the side walls and an inner surface of the flange  
3 engage at one of plural ribs spaced back from the edge and having 0° pitch  
4 angles.

1           8(previously presented). An installation device according to claim 7,  
2 wherein the ribs are interrupted at at least one location on their circumference  
3 down to at least a root of the ribs.

1           9(previously presented). An installation device according to claim 1 ,  
2 wherein the means on the box comprise ribs that are interrupted at at least  
3 one location on their circumference down to at least the root of the ribs.

1           10(previously presented). An installation device according to claim 1 ,  
2 wherein a joint between the flush-mounting box and the flange comprises at  
3 least one bayonet joint.

11(Canceled).

1           12(previously presented). An installation device according to claim 1,  
2 wherein the flange is fastenable to the flush-mounting box from the open front  
3 of the flush-mounting box.

13(Canceled).

14(Canceled).

1           15(previously presented). An installation device according to claim 1,  
2           wherein the flange is latchable into position on the flush-mounting box.

1           16(currently amended). An installation device according to claim 1,  
2           wherein the plural means on the box for fastening the flange to the box  
3           comprise a plurality of grooves on an outside of the side walls **of the box,**  
4           spaced back at different distances from the edge of the open front of the box;  
5           the flange is fastenable on the outside of the box by inward protrusions  
6           on the flange that engage with a selected one of the grooves for selectably  
7           setting a distance of the flange back from the edge.

1           17(currently amended). **An installation device for plumbing**  
2           **elements, comprising:** ~~The installation device of claim 16,~~  
3           **a flush-mounting box that has an open front having an edge, the**  
4           **flush-mounting box having side walls extending from the edge to a base,**  
5           **wherein protruding eyes extend from the side walls adjacent to the base**  
6           **for affixing the flush-mounting box at the base, the mounting box having**  
7           **fittings for installing plumbing elements within the flush-mounting box,**  
8           **said fittings including apertures in the side walls,**  
9           **a flange on an outside of the box,**  
10           **plural means on the box for fastening the flange to the box at a**  
11           **selectably variable distance back from the edge,**  
1           **wherein the plural means on the box for fastening the flange to the**  
2           **box comprise a plurality of grooves on an outside of the side walls of the**  
3           **box, spaced back at different distances from the edge of the open front**  
4           **of the box;**  
5           **the flange is fastenable on the outside of the box by inward**  
6           **protrusions on the flange that engage with a selected one of the grooves**  
7           **for selectably setting a distance of the flange back from the edge; and,**

8            wherein the grooves are located at tangential surfaces protruding  
9            radially on the outside of the box, between which surfaces are gaps along  
10           which the inward protrusions of the flange are movable back from the edge,  
11           wherein the inward protrusions of the flange are engaged in a selected one of  
12           the grooves by rotation of the flange relative to the box.

1            18(previously presented). The installation device of claim 17, wherein  
2            the grooves end in broadened sections that receive the protrusions of the  
3            flanges.

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